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The Readers Always Write

STRING WARNING

Dear Editors:

Several weeks ago we lost our beloved "Tiny Tot", a five months old Blue-eyed White Longhair. In some manner Tiny Tot swallowed a piece of string that became lodged in his throat and stomach unbeknownst to us. He had severe fits before eventually succumbing, and it was only through an autopsy that we discovered the string more than fourteen inches long.

None of the books that we have on cats mentions the danger of string, but Mrs. T. R. James of Minneapolis informs me that such cases do happen, particularly around Christmas time and that both kittens and grown cats have been known to die from the effects.

Mrs. Helen Mackiewicz of Milwaukee tells me that she lost a kitten in the same way.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sauer,
Route 12, Box 475
Milwaukee 10, Wisc.



FOR "COMMON CATS"

Dear Editors:

Not until I read your letter in "Life" magazine did I know that a magazine devoted to cats was being published. I always have imagined that there should be one and have looked for it all over Washington (Hyattsville is a suburb) but have had no luck.

I would appreciate it if you would send me a copy of the magazine, but I do hope, though, that it is not *entirely* devoted to "show cats" and breeding like some dog magazines I have seen. I'm enclosing two pictures of my cats taken when they were seven weeks old.

Joseph Modlens
2220 Charleston Place
Lewisdale
Hyattsville, Maryland

We hope you like our magazine, Mr. Modlens. For the benefit of subscribers who may not know where to send their friends for single copies of CATS, starting with this month, we will begin appearing in pet shops throughout the country, and our February issue marked our debut on about 200 selected newsstands in the New York Metropolitan area.—Eds.

OLD COPY EXCHANGE

Dear Editors:

I couldn't imagine why every one was writing me in regard to old copies of CATS until I noticed that you'd put my little note about having copies to sell in the December issue. Mostly, I'd like to place these where people really need them to complete a collection, and also, I'd like to complete my collection which lacks April 1945 and December 1948 and has several other badly worn ones which I'd like to replace before having them bound.

If other fans have the same problem, I'd be glad to act as a go-between, so to speak, and run a sort of "Exchange" for everyone who will write me explaining what issues they need or what ones they can spare.

Best wishes
Nikki Horner

Shawnee Cattery
119 North 46th St.
Louisville 12, Ky.

ON HAHN

Dear Editors:

I'd like to make a few comments on "Improving the Breeding of Cats" by Alice Hahn (January CATS). After getting off to a fine start by asking the reader to be discriminating and to re-evaluate aims and standards, the author does an abrupt about face and ignores the laws of heredity.

In discussing the case of the Siamese queen who produced four "common" kittens and one apparent Siamese kitten she said that the "Siamese" kitten simply took after its mother. The monk Mendel and many other fine geneticists have spent their lives proving that the young *never* "simply take after" an ancestor. Since the Himalayan pattern and the blue eye coloring of the Siamese breed are both recessive characteristics, the "Siamese" kitten could not have been sired by the barn cat, unless he, too, had a Siamese ancestor and so was able to pass on the required recessive genes.

Also since the two factors mentioned are merely ones of color and pattern, this particular kit is no more a *Siamese* than its more "common" colored brothers and sisters, but is in fact a hybrid just as they are.

While on this subject, I would like to add my protest against the practice of some experimental breeders who call their hybrids "Siamese". In the case of the so-called "Red Point Siamese", *Red Point Himalayans* would be more accurate, or the coined name *Flame Conchas* much prettier. Let's let the new strains stand or fall on their own merits.

Sincerely
Mrs. James M. Riggs
North Hollywood, Calif.

Dear Editors:

Your article by Alice Hahn is one of the best. Its hints and advice for improvement are just what I've been look-



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COVER

"Washday", is one of Grant Haist's favorite shots of his White Longhair, Tiffany. (For another excellent shot of her, see page 5.)

ing for.

I enjoy CATS from cover to cover, but let's have more articles on improvement in cat breeding.

Sincerely
(Mrs.) Pauline Filkins
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Audubon 6, N. J.

ANTI-KNOCK

Dear Editors:

In answer to the "Knocks" in the February *Readers Always Write*, it might be of interest to you and your other readers to know that people all over the world read and like CATS Magazine.

I have had letters commenting very favorably on it and on the Casa Contenta pictures from England, Hawaii, Japan, the American occupied zone of Germany, and today in my mail box was a letter from South Africa. All this in addition to scads of complimentary letters I am constantly receiving from the United States and Canada!

Best wishes
(Mrs.) Helen Van Zele
Casa Contenta
Lemon Grove, Calif.

Dear Editors:

In regard to the "Knock" from Irma Rich, I would like to give to those who think that CATS should be improved the same advice which I give to complainers about our government, our churches, and our society (no matter what one's profession) That is, what are the government, the church, etc., but ourselves? They are what we make them, and the same is true of CATS magazine—it can print only the type of material which its readers supply.

Criticism is often justifiable and helpful, but why doesn't Miss Rich, for example, try her hand at writing an article for you?

A. Howard Erickson, M. D.
American National Bank Bldg.
Rockford, Illinois

THE MAGNIFICENT RUFF

By Florence Eakman

As told to her by Benjamin Benedict, D.V.M.

"Miaow!"

Like a streak of silver light, Princess flew from between the lilac bushes. Flattening her magnificent ruff she eel through a hole under the garden wall and was gone.

I lit my pipe and sauntered around the tranquil garden, thinking about the time that Princess had re-entered my life.

It was just a year ago I had been puttering about my small animal hospital when the door to the waiting room slammed.

I put on my most professional manner, and approached the door to the room whose quiet beauty never failed to charm me.

On a table against one cool gray wall purple lilac in an aqua bowl stood out in relief beneath the photograph of the only girl I had ever loved. As I entered the room a thin-faced individual thrust a cat at me.

"Will she be all right, Doctor Benedict?" he piped.

"I shall have to examine her before I give an opinion."

"Miaow!" The cat's voice rose to a hysterical wail. She was a pathetic creature, filthy, and full of cockleburrs. One paw fell limply over my arm. I felt strangely drawn to her.

"There, there, Puss, we'll have you out of pain in no time at all," I said. Carrying my patient, I entered the operating room.

The balance of my story is based on details told me later by the cat's mistress, and on ideas which came from Princess herself.

Earlier in the afternoon of that eventful day Princess was sitting in a window of Cheswick Manor, sunning herself.

"Miaow!"

Princess' ears twitched; arching her neck, she cocked an eye at the door; one furry paw was well over the edge of the step when she heard a voice called from inside the house.

"Princess, where are you?"

The great Persian crouched on her haunches, her green eyes burning with disappointment. Tom, a black alley cat, was waiting in the meadow. Her opportunity to escape was gone for the moment.

Suddenly the door to the lovely Georgian house flew open. Framed in the Baroque doorway, her blue gown matching her eyes, appeared Gwendolyn. At sight of the cat, relief smoothed her forehead.

"Here you are, Princess. Be a good puss, now."

The door closed on a staccato note. Princess darted off the steps, edged around the house, and dashed toward the

"Earlier in the afternoon of that eventful day, Princess was in the window of Cheswick Manor sunning herself."

Photo by
Grant M. Haist



hole under the garden wall. The cat had no compunction in regard to hoodwinking her mistress.

Gwen Forsyte in her middle twenties had a decided love for cats, lilacs and young men with cowlicks. The young American lieutenant whom she and Princess had met in England during lilac time, had an enchanting cowlick. Princess had brought the two together and now since her mistress had taken up residence in America, the cat's main purpose aside from certain ideas of her own, had been to find the lieutenant for Miss Gwen.

"Miaow!" Tom was still waiting. Princess peeked through the hole, purring seductively. Then she flattened out and began to eel through.

"Princess!"

"Caught again!" the cat growled. Backing up she crouched under a bush, as the willowy figure of her mistress descended the back steps.

"Pooh and bah!" Shooting out her claws Princess slipped an unwary toad onto its back. Miss Gwen walked briskly along the brick path leading toward the lilac bushes. The cat smirked at the familiar expression in Miss Gwen's eyes as she snipped sprays of lilac. She held one against her lips, whispering softly, "Lilacs always remind me of Kew Gardens."

"Mush." Stalking along the path, her plummy tail switching, Princess preceded her mistress up the steps and through the flagstoned hall to the drawing room.

Beauty of antique flavor haunted the room which was both spacious and charming. Princess went directly to her cushion near the hearth, gave it sundry pats, and sat upon it, her emotions coiled like a spring.

"Miaow!" Miss Gwendolyn nearly dropped the crystal vase she was holding. "Miaow!" She looked at Princess accusingly.

The cat closed her eyes and pretended to sleep. She was just drifting off when her mistress' voice recalled her.

"There, that's done. Now for you, Princess."

The springs uncoiled.

"Suffering catfish, my ruff has to be brushed again! I have to get out of here. But how?" The subtle creature purred ingratiatingly.

"Do you remember the day we met the lieutenant, Princess? I was at Mother's country house, in Midlands. So frightfully done up from war work that Mother suggested I visit Aunt Charlotte in Kew."

Indeed Princess did remember the incident that began with a ride up to Kew. "Shortly after our arrival my mistress complained of a headache," Princess thought.

"If you'll excuse me, Auntie," Miss Gwen had said, "I'll take Princess for a stroll." She snapped a leash on my collar and we started out.

We walked briskly along Kew Road toward the green, me trotting in front of Miss Gwen. I hoped that my loose collar wouldn't be noticed. I planned to take advantage of it. Suddenly I squirmed out of it and darted into the bushes. Peeking out, I watched Miss Gwen. My mistress frowned, started toward the bushes, then hesitated.

"I don't fancy crawling under the bushes. Come out, you naughty thing," she ordered.

I waited a minute. Nothing happened so I began to chase insects. I was having

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FEWLINES 'BOUT FELINES

WINTER THEME

By Anna Matthews Cole

*She sits in the window and wonders all things,
The snow that comes sifting on indolent wings,
A wood team that passes piled high with its logs.
A plaid-coated huntsman with gun and his dogs.*

*We assume that she wonders, we really don't know
For her winking and blinking would indicate so;
But as soon as Spring breaks we'll assuredly find
Other things to debate than what stirs in her mind.*

*But being late winter and all the quilts tied
And all the rugs braided and drawn in beside;
With the family mittens and socks knitted now
And with little to mind but the harried snow-plow*

*No wonder we wonder what she wonders at
As she sits in the window, our calico cat.*

Someone is entering. Hush! If I could but describe her! Languorous, slender, passionate; sleepy eyes that see everything. An indolent, purposeful step. An unimaginable grace!

ALLEY CAT

By Lee Priestley

Companion of the dark and moonless night,
O battered beggar king of cats who stray,
O skulking homeless derelict by day,
Whose breath is battle and who mates in fight,
Who sneers at danger, hunts in fierce delight,
For stroking hand, warm ease, your freedom pay;
I offer saucered milk to bid you stay.
So come or go. Decision is your right.
With baleful gaze consider house cat state,
To purr; to fawn; to drowse; nor dream to roam.
But friendship lonely kings can understand.
The beggar monarch now will abdicate
His regal state exchanges he for home.
In proud humility accepts my hand.

CAT WITH NEW KITTENS

By Paul Tulien

*"Cows in clover," oft I've heard,
For contentment is the word.
Well, I don't agree with that
For I've seen a mother cat
With her kittens in their nest.
(Was there ever one more blest!)*

*I have watched her smooth their fur.
I have heard her drowsy purr
As she rolls, and curls her paws—
Harmless now those deadly claws.*

*For contentment infinite
Seek no farther. This is it!*

Collected by ANNE METCALF

PRAYER TO SAINT PETER

By Florence Cecilia Roberts

Not through the shining portals
And up to the great white Throne
Will come the tiny postulant,
So frightened and alone.

Before some postern wicket
She will make her timid plea,
Bewildered to find herself this night
So far—so far—from me.

Oh, open to her quickly,
And comfort with a pat,
At the close of her long journeying,
The little weary cat.
(She will delight the Blessed
With her glad Te Deum!)
And, good Sir, of your kindness, pray
Keep her till I come!

ALWAYS A QUESTION

By Irma Hegel

*So you left a cat
On someone's mat!
You say, "A stray
Can find a way."
I took one in
Bedraggled and thin.
Now he's salmon-fat.
A beautiful cat.
What becomes of those others alone?
I wonder—do they find a home?*

The prose quotes on
this page are from the
chapter in Clarence
Day's THIS SIMIAN
WORLD wherein he
ponders how the world
might be if men were
descended from cats
instead of from monkeys.

Imagine how a Caruso descended
from such beings would sing.

Suggested Composition For A Surrealist Painter

By Zelma H. Meek

*Grated chocolate on whipped cream;
Two blue sapphires' faultless gleam;
A pair of piccolos or even six;
A soft limp watch that ticks;
Random flashes of thorny mitten,
And call the picture a Siamese kitten.*

The super cat-men would have rated cleanliness higher . . . J. De Courcy Tiger would have felt that nothing but making soap, or being a plumber, was compatible with a high social position, and the rich Vera Pantherbilt would have deigned to dine only with manicurists.

DEVOTION

By Elsie Simon

*He said his love would bring her joy
And keep her company,
That she would know real faithfulness
And finest loyalty.*

*Now since she married it is true
She has had all of that,
But she still thinks he should have said
They'd come from his old cat.*

THE BLACK CAT

By Ann Wood

*The Black cat sits on the window sill,
And waves his paws to enter,
The ledge is narrow, so he must watch
His gravitation center.*

*His coat is smooth and shiny
He poses as a beauty,
He shirks responsibility,
And does not do his duty.*

*He sits beside the fire, and purrs
And takes his catty ease,
The mice o'er run the residence,
And go where e'er they please.*

Imagine a cultivated coterie of such men and women at a ball, dancing. How few humans are graceful. They would have all been Pavlovas.

DESIGN FOR A ROOM

By Maud Ludington Cain

Hang your gayest curtains up,
Build your cheeriest fire,
Set out Wedgwood plate and cup—
Things that I admire—
Pottery dull or shimmering,
Vases on a shelf—
Cloisonne or Chinese Ming—
All that ancient pelf,
Have a table set for tea,
Lamps turned not too high,
And if you're fixing it for me,
A kitten somewhere by,
A kitten scampering in the hall
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CATS MAGAZINE ALL-AMERICAN SCORING

Part II "The Point System"

Our article of last month explained the "ground rules" for All-American, where the various sections are located and how ownership and location of cats which change hands during a season are determined. Now, as the illustrations indicate we shall give the actual scoring rules for the All-Sectional and All-Americans.

When A-A was first established in 1947 a workable scoring system was devised which fitted the requirements of the show world of that time. That system was continued through the show season of 1951-52, and it is the basis for this current system which will first be used in choosing the 1953 All-Americans and All Sectionals.

The system as now set up can be summarized, with but one or two qualifications, in one brief statement—*All-American contestants earn one A-A point for each cat faced and defeated.* The qualifications are: *Cats must earn at least Best of Color or Best Opposite Sex of Color to score any A-A points and Best of Color Cats score one point for each of the cats of their own color defeated, regardless of sex.*

With this as our flight plan, it is easy to understand the score cards above which are taken from a theoretical show held in Cleveland. Below is the score card of the show itself which shows us the number of *Classes* in the All-Breed and each of the Specialties broken down into Novice, Open, Champion, and Grand Champion and into Male and Female. In practice, a further breakdown of the All Breed into Longhairs and Shorthairs is useful.

Now to see how this information is put to use, we refer to the card of Persian Pussy's Xerxes II, a Blue male Longhair, owned by Mrs. E. O. Ingersoll, who was Best of Color and Best Champion in the All Breed show and Best of Color, Best Champion and Best Cat in the Solid Color Specialty. Twelve

Persian Pussy's Xerxes II Mrs. E. O. Ingersoll Blue M L.H.											
SHOW	Best of Color	Best of Opposite Sex of Color	Best of Breed	Best of Opposite Sex of Breed	Best of Novice	Best of Opposite Sex of Novice	Best Champion	Best of Opposite Sex of Champion	Best Cat	Best of Opposite Sex of Cat	Total
Cleveland AB	12						7				19
Cleveland AS	12						X	20			32

Land of Thais Anna's Monarch O.P. Jones B.P.F.											
SHOW	Best of Color	Best of Opposite Sex of Color	Best of Breed	Best of Opposite Sex of Breed	Best of Novice	Best of Opposite Sex of Novice	Best Champion	Best of Opposite Sex of Champion	Best Cat	Best of Opposite Sex of Cat	Total
Cleveland AB		4		13			2				19
Cleveland AS	6		X	3			X	1		12	22

Cards like these are made up for every high-scoring cat in the country.

of the entries in the Blue L.H. classes were present at the show, so as is designated in the first column, "Zerk" earned twelve points—one for defeating each of his eleven competitors, plus one point for himself. Then, as you will notice from the "Show" card, there were a total of seven Champion Classes (four male, three female) in the show, and for being Best Champion "Zerk" gains one point for each of these classes—thus the seven under "Best Champion" and the total of 19 points for the All Breed.

(Lack of space prevents us from showing the cards of all the winners, but it might be interesting to try to figure out what the score of the "Best in Show" cat would be if, for instance it had been a Black with a total of eight Blacks competing. The answer: Eight points, one for each of the Blacks, of course, plus one point for each of the *classes* in the show. The score card shows 26 male classes and 30 female classes, so our imaginary Black Best in Show comes off with eight, plus 26, plus 30 points—64; a sizeable step toward the A-A goal.)

Now let's look at the Solid Color Specialty line of Xerxes' card where he was BOC, Best Ch., and Best Cat. Once again, he has twelve points for being Best of Color, and as a glance at the

"Show" cards shows a total of 20 classes, we put "20" in the Best of Show Column, a total of 32. Why the "X" instead of a "2" in the "Best Champion" column??—He has already gotten his points for that, being Best Cat—to count them twice would be unfair to "Open" cats. For example, if, in a show with an identical number of counters, an "Open" Blue cat had won, he would have defeated exactly as many "Novices", "Opens", "Champions", and "Grand Champions" as did Xerxes, and he would have scored just 32 points. Thus, higher wins always eliminate lower ones, with the exception, of course, of the Best of Color points.

This factor will become clearer in the card of Land-of-Thais Anna's Monarch, Mr. Jones' Blue Point Siamese female who was Best female Blue Point, Best Opposite Sex Short Hair and Best Opposite Champion in the All Breed. In this show there were four female Blue Points, 13 female Shorthair classes and three female championship classes. However one of the Champion classes was in the Shorthair division, already counted in the 13 "OX SH" points, so four, plus 13, plus two gives our total of 19. In the Foreign Shorthair Specialty, "Monarch" was Best Blue Point, Best Siamese, Best Champion and Best Opposite Sex Cat. She thus is given one point for each of six Blue Points in the show. Then her twelve points for being Best Opposite Sex Cat eliminate the female Champion and female Siamese points, but she still gets one point for besting the single male Champion class and one each for the Male Seal Point, Blue Point and Chocolate Point BOC's which she defeated; total—22.

Now, what wins give credit for A-A? Here a compromise has had to be made, for almost every catalog has a different selection of awards. At present we recognize only the following, because they are the only generally universally designated "wins":

Best of Color and Best Opposite of Color.

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Cleveland								
	ALL BREED		S.C. Specialty		F.S.H. Specialty		Specialty	
CLASSES	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
NOVICE	7	8	1	4	2	2		
OPEN	14	19	6	7	5	9		
CHAMPION	4	3	2	—	1	1		
GRAND CH.	1	—			1			
TOTAL	26	30	9	11	9	12		

This type of card shows the number of classes in each show.

THE LETHAL FACTORS IN CAT BREEDING

By James D. McCrae

"Ignorance is not a fault. The fault is the use of ignorance as a shield against enlightenment. Discover my mistakes and learn therefrom."

In some strains of cats, and the same is true of all other life, there are certain hereditary faults which may tend to prevent the birth of kittens or to prevent those born from growing to healthy adulthood. These are termed the *Lethal*, or *Black Factors*, and provide one of the most difficult of all the many problems faced by breeders.

This is a serious subject. The breeder is always left with the final decision. The black factors range widely and are difficult to recognize; then they appear with heart-breaking finality. The deadly ones may range from sterility of individual to sterility in combination; they may present kittens with cleft palates, poorly developed ear structure (deafness) blindness or appear in exotic form.

This becomes a problem in ethics. Should the breeder dispose of stock he knows is faulted genetically or should he attempt to rid his strain of the fault. The breeder can, of course, try to rationalize his conduct by saying that someone else stuck him. This, strictly speaking, is not true. The animal had many fine features; the breeder was interested in and wished to continue those excellent characteristics. Then he finds the animal carries a black factor.

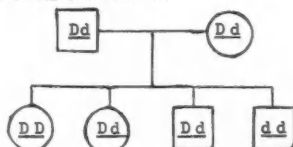
Yet the desire persists to preserve those many superb points the animal shows; but he doesn't want the lethal factor continued. Actually the factor is either dominant or recessive. Since the breeder did not observe the trait until his queen littered, it may be assumed that the factor is recessive; and, since it is recessive; it took the pairing of the genes which we shall designate as *dd* to make its presence known.

It follows that both the sire and the dam possessed the lethal *d*. Then one of the parents of the sire and of the dam carried the black factor; and their children possibly possess the same deadly factor. The breeder becomes aware, by extension, that his animal is not the only one carrying the lethal *d*.

The single breeder is not alone in the possession of the recessive lethal; then, instead of being an individual project, eliminating the fault becomes a club project.

This solution may be obtained by an application of Mendel's Law. As long as

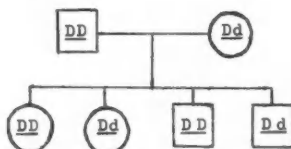
we pair two individuals with the identical fault, nothing new can be learned; so, for purposes of illustration, we show in the chart below the result of the introduction of a pair of unlike partners. Let *D* represent the two desirable factors, *d* the two lethal factors, square the male, and circle the female:



The offspring of a pair containing both unlike partners appear in the ratios shown; one completely free of the lethal factors, three carrying the lethal factors. One of the three, however, carries both the lethal genes and can be assumed to die at an early age; the other two act as carriers—they pass one or the other of the lethal characters on to future generations.

Someone might take exception to this saying it is a matter of chance; i.e., if only one of the litter showed the deadly factor that it was a good average and no harm would ensue to permit the lethal *d* to continue. One in four is the Mendelian ratio and this ratio is only a favorable average. The Breeder will find that the incidence is higher in practice. While the chance of the lethal partners showing up is only one to four; practice shows that the lethal pair might crop up in four kittens in a litter of four.

If only one of the pair possess a lethal factor, then:



The ratio shows two of the kittens carrying the deadly recessive and two completely free of the lethal character. The two carriers will pass this trait on to future generations. Then the Breeder might say—well, you've shown us a loophole; as long as we mate the queen to an untainted male the factor will not occur to our disadvantage. If your animal possesses superb type and wonderful color, then you'll be planting future generations with a lethal character that will occur sufficiently often to discourage future fanciers of that breed.

As we say, it is a matter of ethics.

Assume the Breeder is sincerely interested in ridding his strain of this lethal factor; he may rid his line of this factor by planned matings. First, the breeder knows his queen possesses the recessive factor as the trait appeared in the litter while she did not seem to be affected.

Further, he knows that the stud used in this combination also possessed the lethal factor. Then the problem becomes one of finding a mate that lacks this factor. From a litter that shows no sign of this factor he can select a male and mate him back to his mother. If the resulting litter does not show the taint you can safely assume the male is free of the lethal character.

The females of the same litter can be mated to a male known to possess the lethal *d* and judgement can be passed on the queen from the ensuing litter. If the lethal factor shows, the queen possesses the deadly factor; if there is no sign of the taint, the queen can be assumed to be free of the factor *d*.

The breeder may establish that certain animals are free of the lethal *d* by performing these operations. Then, employing the *DD* animals, his strain will be free of the lethal *d*, and he will retain the superb characteristics that prompted him to obtain the animal.

And, if his study of other breeders' rates of increase, showed that the lethal factor was widespread, the demand for his stock would increase (even though the type or color was not as fine as his competitors) once he demonstrated his line was free of the lethal *d*.

This brings up another point. If it is difficult to find a mate free of the lethal factor within the color class, it becomes necessary to select one outside it; then the opportunity exists to improve the breed in the selection of such an outcross. This new animal should possess a factor needed to improve your strain in type or color while you are eliminating the lethal factor. Then your stock has improved in two ways; first, and most important, it is free of the lethal *d*; second, a much to desired factor has been introduced to your strain.

So it develops beyond a question of ethics and will give an excellent monetary return. You can't lose by improving your line.

It must be remembered that no single factor or pair of factors exists alone in any individual but each factor is always influenced and influences all the other factors present.

It must not be assumed that the dominant *D* simply cancels out the recessive *d*; the laws governing algebraic equations do not control genetic factors. There is no hole left and the recessive *d* is not simply blotted out. The recessive *d* will continue to operate in the presence of the dominant *D*.

Assume, for example, the lethal factor controls the vision of an animal; then the combination *Dd* might result in poorer eyesight or a tendency for the corneas to ulcerate.

The Breeder is doing his favored line a disfavor if he permits the lethal character to remain in his stock.

This article is one of the chapters of Mr. McCrae's forthcoming book on the Genetics of the Feline. Correspondents may address Mr. McCrae direct at Box 259, Route 10, Fort Worth, Texas.

MY TAIL OF WOE

By Thomas O. Fulbright

To hear my feline friends talk when everything isn't batting 100% at the cattery, their little furry charges are sometimes as much trouble as they are joy—almost as much anyway. But before we get into their problems, let me tell you about my cat.

She is a beautiful Chinchilla Persian. I named her Mispetrova, after an actress I used to be so crazy about. The one that moved with such feline grace and had those strange green eyes, you remember? Madame Olga Petrova?? Well my cat is just as graceful, with eyes just as green, but in addition, has a tail bushy enough to thatch a medium sized hut. I've had her in several cat shows, all she has to do is wave that beautiful plume and she walks away with all the prizes. Of course they only give ribbons, but she has Blue, Red, White and Blue, Purple and then Yellow and Blue Rosettes, which mark her as the Champion Chinchilla. Golly, if ribbons were only money, we would be doing quite well.

All jokes aside, Mispetrova is a real beauty, majestic in every movement, constantly waving that lovely tail. Everyone that sees her wants her. They just stand ogling, you can see by their faces they are mentally breaking one of the commandments, "Thy Shalt Not Covet."

I am at the point now where I can sympathize with these people. Mispetrova has recently tempted me to break all ten of the must-nots. She has turned from a beauty into a monster. Here is the tale.

I was really frightened when I first noticed the change taking place. She was on the floor wriggling around in a most peculiar manner. As she rolled over and over she gave voice to weird uncanny sounds, just like the noise effects on "Lights-Out". I called a Vet and described her actions. He laughingly told me not to worry, that it was obvious that Mispetrova was in the mating season. I felt a little foolish, but I have always thought that Spring was the correct time for love-making in the animal kingdom. The Vet advised me where to take her, so I could breed her for some really prize kittens. While thinking it over I had a wonderful idea, I would breed her, then sell the kittens to a few people I knew had been coveting Mispetrova. It would bring in the badly needed green stuff. Ha, I was all set.

The following day I made trysting arrangements and duly arrived at the home of the owners of a really fine specimen. He was also a Chinchilla and sapphire-eyed. His fawn coat was marcelled into luxuriant waves and his tail was also a beauty, a long silken paddle. When he saw Mispetrova his tail quivered in the air. I could just see the tails on the kittens to be and mentally counted the money I would demand for them. Yes, this boy was a good match for Mispetrova, his name was Jason of Ming III. To give him credit, though, he didn't answer to it. Mispetrova strolled insolently into his parlor. Jason sat ex-

citedly licking his chops. After that it was hard to see just what happened. Mispetrova seemed to fly into a temper, she batted his whiskers back and tore one of his ears into a tassel before she could break away and hide from her. The owners of Jason of Ming III, demanded that I get Mispetrova out of there, and quick. I went home sadly disappointed.

Three weeks later I was amazed, Mispetrova was definitely in a delicate condition. I did not try to reason it out, I was too happy. I could hardly wait so I got in touch with the prospective buyers, gave them the good news, and collected ten dollars from each of them. I collected forty dollars, for I was positive there would be four kittens. How I loved Mispetrova.

Well the kittens arrived. An old-maid friend of mine that knows all about such things and who was one of the \$10.00 depositors came over to act as cat midwife. I waited outside like an expectant father, chain smoking my king-sized cough drops, wondering how long it would be before I could take them away from their mother and collect the rest of the money. I was jerked out of the pleasant thoughts by a terrific scream from my lady friend. It was a horrible scream, coarse and blood-curdling. I rushed inside and saw her just standing there with bulged eyes, screaming. I put my hand over her mouth to smother her screams all the time trying to see what was causing this display of nerves. I saw.

I swear that if a cat can smile, Mispetrova actually grinned up at me, then moved over so I could see those kittens. They looked like little hamsters, I should say hamsters—not a one of them had a tail!

When I regained my sense of reasoning, I remembered some neighbors, the Martins, that lived up the road a piece. They have a cat, a huge red Tom, two hands shorter than the brewer's horse. A Manx.

Needless to say, I am still looking for forty dollars to return to the depositors. One of them, a lady—give or take a few qualifications—writes that a cat without a tail would warp Junior's belief in mankind. All the cats he draws have tails. I could cry.

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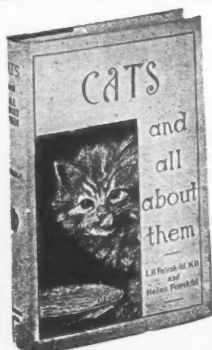
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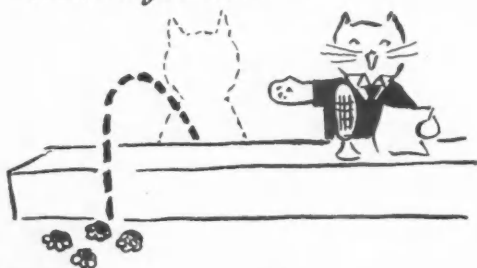
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Mr. Portmess is a young free-lance photographer who recently graduated from the N. Y. Institute of Photography in New York, and he used one of his own kittens as the photographer-model in his prize-winning study.

This March prize is the twenty-fifth \$25.00 Bond awarded by the American Crabmeat Company in the Picture of the Month contest which they co-sponsor with CATS Magazine. Two Annual \$100.00 Bonds have also been awarded, and the contest will continue with one \$25.00 for each of the remaining months of this year and a \$100.00 "Picture of the Year" prize.

Freshness of viewpoint, individuality, and human interest are the qualities the judges look for most in making their selections—always requiring, of course, that photographic quality is suitable. Pictures submitted should be at least five by seven inches in size. (Eight by ten is better) and should be black-and-white, as color shots can not be used. Care should be taken that entries are carefully packed in two sheets of cardboard for safe shipment through the mail. Under no circumstances should photographs be rolled, since this invariably causes white cracks which can not be repaired. Complete name and address of the sender should be securely attached to the back of each entry.

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Most of the changes in this newest revision have to do with advances in the medical treatment of cats, and for that reason alone, it is invaluable for any cat owners' library. In addition, there are complete and extremely lucid chapters on breeding, grooming, feeding, the care of kittens, and a special chapter—listing drugs and other substances which are poisonous to cats, and giving treatments and antidotes for them.

There is an excellent discussion of the various breeds and full information, outstanding in its clarity and common-sense approach, on showing and registering cats. Unfortunately, the obsolete Burmese standard is included, and the Domestic Short Hair is referred to as being native to America, but these small errors do not detract from the otherwise superior standard of accuracy which the authors have adhered to throughout.

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DOES PUSS NEED BUTTERED BOOTS

By Ruth Bombard

Do cats resent moving to a new residence? If not, why do they so often return to a previous abode? The truth of the matter is that cats do not really resent moving to new quarters, but rather find it an interesting adventure as their famous curiosity would indicate. The idea that they dislike a new home probably came about due to the fact that moving preparations caused the sudden disappearance of a favorite cushion or chair, thereby upsetting the sense of security so important to any pet. The best way to overcome this is to leave the cat's feeding and other comforts as the last things to be packed, and the first to be unpacked.

An old superstition says that one should grease the paws of a cat with butter at the time of arrival to a new home, apparently to assure difficulty in returning to old haunts. Those who have found satisfaction with this method were merely being successful in keeping the pet occupied until the strangeness and commotion died down, and it is a good idea. However, when there is time to make full-hearted attempts to see that one's cat is made to feel relaxed and is given the usual attention, such a practice becomes unnecessary.



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SHEDDING TIME and How to Handle It

By Henrietta Hitchcock

Starting soon, cats will be enthusiastically shedding their heavy winter coats, in preparation for summer. If the amount of loose hair I comb from my cats these days is any indication, I judge we are in for a torrid season.

Anyway, the daily brushing and combing is very important now, to avoid the hairballs resulting from hair swallowed as the cat licks his fur. Hairballs are not really balls, but long masses or strings of matted fur which seriously interfere with the cat's digestion.

A weekly dose of an oily laxative, such as mineral oil, will rid the digestive tract of hairballs. True, mineral oil has an adverse effect on the absorption of vitamins from the food. But it is the lesser evil.

Many cat owners do not go about the grooming of their cats in a very resolute way. Passing an ordinary hairbrush over the cat's coat a few times will not remove enough of the loose hair. The best brush is one with widely separated nylon bristles in a pillow rubber back.

After a brief brushing, comb the cat, not with an ordinary comb but with a special metal comb designed for such grooming. These items are sold in good pet shops, as are special nail clippers. Siamese cats are best groomed by a rubber pad, or brush, with short, soft rubber teeth. This removes more hair than a comb.

Start with the head when you comb. As you proceed down the back and sides, grasp a fold of the cat's skin and hold it firmly, making the pull of the comb come against this hand. The skin is loosely attached in many places and the delicate tissues may be injured if you yank hard against the cat's body without holding onto a fold of the skin.

Cats usually like brushing and resent combing. If they are not as tame and mild as a pet should be, they may scratch and bite. Then you need help, someone to hold the cat warily while you work.

Don't try to do the entire combing job at once, if the cat is savage. He should not be, if you brush him from his kittenhood and get him used to the proceedings. Kittens don't usually need much grooming, except as a means of training them to be brushed and combed. Never bathe a cat unless he has got something on his fur which you cannot remove any other way.

This article is from Miss Hitchcock's column "Cats and Their Care" which appears every Friday in the New York World Telegram and Sun.

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A severe fire which some local auth-
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cendiary origin destroyed Mrs. Lillian
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Pa., in January. Although many of her
cats lost their lives, Mrs. Pedulla's two
Grand Champion Blue Points, Cymri
Dec-va and Cymri Cri-ket and some of
her other breeding stock were saved.

Despite her loss, Mrs. Pedulla plans
to continue her cattery and to rebuild
as soon as possible.

Police are considering the possibility
that this fire and similar ones in the
Norristown area may have been started
by a pathological cat-hater, since there
seems to have been no explainable way
for the fire to have started. A full in-
vestigation is under way.

Mrs. Remington at Garden City

We regret that our report on the Gar-
den State Cat Club Show (CATS, Febru-
ary) failed to show that due to the illness

of Mrs. Francis Herms, Mrs. J. H.
Revington substituted for her in judging
the Specialties . . . From Garden State
on December 9-10, Mrs. Revington flew
to Rochester to handle two more Special-
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Anne Pinkerton

He's a small, stocky, smoke-black neuter, half Siamese and half something else, with a bat-wing sweep of ear, and eyes as round and yellow as ripe gooseberries. His name is Bugsy, and he's my constant daytime companion: he oversees my laundry work from a warm shelf in the utility room, flops at my feet when I'm at the typewriter, sleeps on my chest in a tightly-curved black ball during our afternoon siesta, and protects me in the garden from other cats, the neighbor's pup, and vicious birds.

All this—and a bread-winner, too!

Kitten-sitting was his idea. Mrs. Lee, our neighbor, was holding her registered Siamese kitten one morning in our kitchen, and Smoky was pop-eyed and straining—whether to get to Bugsy or away from him, we couldn't be sure. Bugsy, on the other hand, was sitting in aloof dignity, tail curled around his forepaws, not looking at anything in particular. Mrs. Lee and I never took our eyes off him. He hadn't been a neuter very long, and in his pre-operation days, had been a fierce and unrelenting warrior, and protector of the hearth fires. Would he look upon Smoky, though only eight months of age, and still in his kitten lankiness, as a violator of the sanctity of his home?

As we talked, Bugsy suddenly gave a little sideways leap, and stood crouching, back arched, tail swishing, yellow eyes glaring. Mrs. Lee knew cats. "Why, he wants to play!" she cried, and relaxed her grip on Smoky.

That was the beginning. Within a few moments, a lively game of hide-and-seek was in progress, and a little later still, we heard from the basement a plaintive, pleading call like a mother cat summoning her children. Smoky was much intrigued, and tip-toed to the basement door, all eyes. As the calling continued, we followed, and came upon the two cats standing at either side of Bugsy's sand box. Silent and stiff, as cats do when they are communing inaudibly in their own fashion. They looked up, and seeing us, scampered away, but both Mrs. Lee and I were sure that Bugsy had said to his young visitor, in effect: "Now here, bub, in the sand box. We're careful about such things in our house!"

Mrs. Lee was delighted. "Now we can take our trip to California! My husband's been so mad at me, but I just couldn't leave Smoky at the kennels or board him out somewhere and have him lonely and unhappy. You know how Siamese are! Why, the last time he cried every second of the time we were gone, and the people who had him were almost out of their minds by the time we got back. Wouldn't eat, the poor little darling! Now if you will be so kind as to feed and house him, Bugsy can keep him happy!"



"Litter-Sitter" Bugsy with his manager, Mrs. Pinkerton.

And a wonderful job Bugsy did of it, too. He turned his bed on the basement landing over to Smoky the first night, and would even stand aside and let the voracious youngster clean out his food dish, blinking at me as if to say, "Well, I really wasn't hungry, anyway!"

The games they devised were unending. The favorite was hide-and-seek, and the small thunder of cat feet resounded throughout the house morning, noon and night. Up over the davenport, behind the chairs, under the beds. And the stairs! Stairs, we thought, must surely have been designed in Cat-Heaven for feline hide-and-seek. Unwary humans were often in danger of being thrown off their feet by the impact of furry bodies in the frantic escapes and pursuits of the game, and tiny puffs of white hair floated occasionally above the scenes of the pseudo battleground. Always white hair—registered Siamese hair—which was as it should be. It was fit and proper that the shelter should win in these games that had their inception in the faraway jungle, where the young cats were taught by their parents the techniques of fang and claw and steely muscle that would insure their survival in the life-or-death encounters to come.

But let it be said that Bugsy never abused his prerogative. The strong white claws were always sheathed, so that only tufts of Smoky's hair were loosened. Never were there scratches or marks of any kind on the beautiful, slim, beige body. "Discipline just hard enough to teach a lesson, but not hard enough to draw blood," might well have been Bugsy's slogan in his kitten-sitting routine. Tough enough to interest, and keep up the little guy's competitive spirit, but never tough enough to discourage him, or break down his morale. And sometimes, we thought, the provocation must have been enormous, for Smoky was verily Little Master Mischief himself!

But Bugsy played a different role with the girl kittens. They adored him, and he accepted their homage with poise and

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Jo-Ann Wester, Palmdale, California, gives me a very comprehensive pix

of her town. They have an airport and the farmers just outside of the little village grow pears, peaches, figs and CATS. Before Jo-Ann moved into the village an aunt gave her the loveliest little kitten, a three colored one. Their Chinese cook calls it a Money-cat; sister calls it a mosaic-cat; but Auntie Lou who knows everything about all cats says it is 'tortie'. Dad says that 'Three-Co'—(meaning three colors)—is composed of equal parts of pomposity, eager innocence and serene self-confidence and that there is nothing the family can think of that Three-Co cannot out-guess. Three-Co had a litter of four cat-babies on New Year's day. There was a box all ready for her. One morning the family woke up and found that Daddy's bed room shoes were missing—Three-Co had carried them to her box—and a baby was sleeping quiet comfortably in each shoe. Quite a discussion at one of the Cat Clubs the other night as to how many

cats there really are in America, it is said that The National Geographic Society estimates the cat population as high as twenty eight million, I did not see these figures myself but I am quoting a reliable person. It however is possible that the millions of people who are amusingly listed legally as cat-owners—that is, nursemaids, protectors, entertainers, providers and friends—will gain an often-needed sense of their own importance—from reading this fact.

Down in Church Point, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, Anita Murphy writes me she was giving a Bridge-Luncheon, and her Siamese boy, Lu-Chan, fixed things beautifully for her. The guests sat down at the table, one lady remarked about the small pats of butter at each place having such odd markings—quite attractive too! Another guest wanted to see—for there was no marking on her butter. Anita gasped in horror, took one look, and knew what had happened. Lu-Chan had placed one dainty foot in the exact center of four little pats.

Elizabeth Elkton writes me from Baltimore, Maryland, that her little daughter

was playing school the other day with three other children. Each child was to give a talk on her own particular subject. One little girl talked about her china-doll. Another one spoke of her pet turtle, the third told about her banty chicken. Little five year old Laura talked about her blue-eyed white kitten. 'My kitty's best friend is me'—she stated. 'My daddy is 'mensly flattened if she even looks at him'.

I have a pix here on my desk that arrived this morning showing the sire of a litter of four kittens sleeping on top of their box—while the mother-cat is supposed to be out taking her exercise. The babies are five weeks old and it is hard to keep them in their box, Rack-Rex is doing a good job—if a kit-cat so much as shows an inquisitive paw outside the box it is slapped down. Mrs. Voorhees tells me that he will not leave the box as the mother cat is away. Quite a good baby-sitter—I'd say.

A Judge was telling me the other day that her big Champion male is mad about chocolate candy bars. He will grab the bar and run with it, in the meantime growling as if it were a piece of meat.

A call came in from Los Lunas, New Mexico, from Mrs. Lucinda Martin. Mrs. Martin has just taken over by a mother cat who is decidedly the matriarch type, she walked in and decided she was at home. She was pretty yes, but Mrs. Martin did not want a family of cats, however she could not object to the big orange-question-mark eyes, the burnished coppery head—and there was music in her voice. The kittens arrived in due course, they were smooth little numbers—each one slicker and better groomed than the other for their mother was a solicitous disciplinarian. One day Mrs. Martin decided they could go to a new home, two little girls down the road had been promised two. The village store-keeper wanted one. The other she was taking into the city of Raton, to her grandson. When the mother found them gone she walked the floor and cried and cried, when the door was opened—she went out like a shot. All afternoon she was gone but along about four o'clock here she came bringing the store-keeper's baby home with her. Mrs. Martin thought, poor little mother, let her keep it if she feels so strongly about it. The next morning she was off down the road and brought the other two kittens back home. Mrs. Martin tells me she would not be a bit surprised to see her bring the fourth cat-baby home soon.

There seem to be a new crop of cat tails coming in this last two months, please, please see that they are authentic, I'm not at all interested in what some one has written in a book—look up the word plagiarize and you will understand what I mean.

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By John Weiss

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stares at us with wild diamond slit eyes
dashes away at our friendly approaches
stares at us again through our small ancient window
stares with the wisdom of all cats
comes again and again.*

*Finally seduced with fresh food
trusts to us our sense of her pregnancy
hoping we understand the hunger of the
unborn within her.*

*Greedy and calling for food
calling for food for the unborn useless cats
sucking her vitality.*

*Vestal of nature and travail
seeking a place away from the destroying tom-cat
seeking a place for undisturbed motherhood
seeking a hopeless undiscovered place
female-like
hating the truths of nature.*

*Little delicate Mildred
we named you that
may your kittens grow large in the sun
may you have a moment of great peace
your little progeny clawing you with soft paws
you licking their soft coats with motherly tongue.*

*Your hour is transient
soon great cats will arise from you
cats that know you not.
You are the eternal mother
your hour is the short one
you shall suffer many times
you shall have many glorious moments
you shall at last
starved and mangle
meet the supreme sacrifice.*

*You, like us, Mildred,
become full of belly and lean of jaw
unlike us you meet your issue alone
unassisted and unafraid
You are the great mother
the fighting mother
the efficient mother.
Knowing you becomes a benediction
you are a great wan
lonesome
unafraid
cat.*

Directory Corrections

We should like to make the following corrections of errors in the January Directory Issue of CATS Magazine.

The HASSAYAMPA CATTERY of Phoenix, Arizona, was placed under the *Burmese* section of "Texas" instead of "Arizona" where it should have been; and the ROWLANDA CATTERY of Winfield, Kansas, appeared under "Kentucky" *Longhairs* instead of under the proper "Kansas" heading. The listing for the PAGODA CATTERY of Atlanta, Georgia, should have been under the "Burmese" heading, not the "Longhairs" where it appeared.

Also, in display ads, the name of Mrs. Mabel F. Fischer in the ANGELUS CATTERY ad was misspelled, and the telephone number of the DARSHAN CATTERY should have been Patchogue 3-2600, Extension 723. The correct name of

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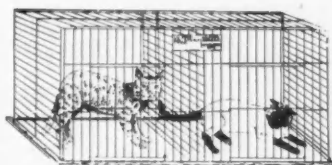
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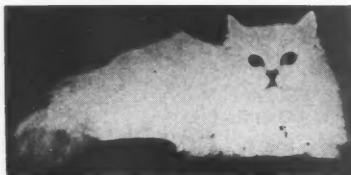
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Mews and Views from the West

Just discovered a tid-bit the cats like very much — sauteed mushrooms! I offered some to the kitten begging beside me at the table and much to my surprise they were quickly devoured and a loud meow for more; another vegetable they like now that it is in the markets in this locality, is left over asparagus. Try it sometime.

Couldn't help but admire Casa Contenta's cute picture in the February issue of CATS stating "I Saw Mama Kissing Santa Claus". The kitten standing up in the basket is something rare in these parts, a short-haired Blue Cream. I saw her in the San Diego ACA show where she caused much comment—her appropriate title is "Patchwork Girl". Won't this be a nice class to have in the future in our Domestic Short Hairs?

This past year I have become quite interested in the Domestic Short Hair, because of my short hair Silver Tabbies. I did not realize "love" is a built in feature with this breed. Their agility and capers at play are something apart from the Persians. I noticed a picture of a beautifully marked Silver Tabby in the Benmost Bore Cattery ad. This cattery is owned by Daniel and Dotti McCrae of Austin, Texas, and I liked the description of the picture of their Silver Tabby—"Good! Anyway you look at them." I hope next season we see many more of these in the shows—and more breeders interested in them.

Mrs. Irene Laffoon of Burbank, California is the owner of a fine pair of Ch. Silver Tabbies, and it was from her I secured mine. There were so few in the shows on the Coast, in fact when I took mine to Denver they were the only ones in their class and many attending the show had never seen them before.

Mrs. Sylvester O. Smith of 13955 Magnolia Boulevard, Van Nuys, California has reported to me a most interesting kitten she has. It is a *Smoke Manx*. I do not believe I have ever seen one. She states it is a true smoke color—black top coat, silver undercoat with amber eyes. She is fortunate it is a female and will enable her to breed more of these. This should be of interest to you Manx breeders.

Mrs. Mabel F. Fischer, well known local silver Persian breeder, is now the proud owner of one "Mademoiselle Muffet of Angelus." She is a lovely queen and one I have long admired for her nice coat color and exceedingly green eyes. She is bred to Timmy of Silver Mesa, another favorite of mine.

I had thought that I would be able to refer to Ch. Kiva's Kri Kri as a Grand Champion, but, her owner, Mrs. John M. Porter, writes that the CFA Recorder, Mrs. James R. Mood, has advised her that Kri Kri lacks 1/2 point to achieving this goal. So that exhibitors may know just where they stand, why not have the various organizations print in their show rules the number of cats necessary to

make a two, three or four point show in the Specialties sanctioned by them. Don't feel bad Kri Kri—as I understand you will be wed to Grand Champion Timothy of Great Lakes—so just enjoy your new family.

Dbl. Ch. Flagstone's Cutest One, cream female, is also looking forward to her forthcoming family from Grand Champion Timothy of Great Lakes. Looks like he will have a busy season this year, but why shouldn't CAT OF THE YEAR?

I know it is particularly hard for a novice to decide which of the litter to keep and which to sell. At eight weeks they are all so adorable, this being true of both long and short hairs. But put that sixteen weeks on them and your doubts start. It reminds me of a teenager—how much change takes place between the ages of thirteen and eighteen. The same is true of kittens—they change so as they develop. I have found in Silvers it takes two years before one can feel sure you have picked the right one. So if you have room keep what you can of the litter until you assure yourself you have picked the right one.

I predicted a future for those pale Blue Persian kits of Mrs. Walker J. Johnston — sure enough her Azulita Patriot has brought home that Best Kitten ribbon more than once this year. His sire is Ch. Wimauma Wilful and dam Blulace Poppy.

I received a letter from my good friend Mrs. J. F. Rice, who is now in New York and so sorry to hear her Siamese family has been ill, and that she lost her Seal Point female Mission City Tasha of Valhalla. In memory of Tasha, Mrs. Rice has Fongafale's Paoui, male S. P. who was Best Kit Opposite Sex in the Empire Cat Club, Siamese Specialty, show in New York—and Fongafale's Funa, B. P. female. These are both Tasha's kits. There was much illness this year after shows throughout the country, and it seemed to affect the Short hairs more than the Persians. I think much thought could be given to benching the shows and a greater effort put forth to bench the short hairs in the warmest spot in the show room.

In writing to Ann Manley of the Dark Gauntlets (I suppose it was one of those tired days.) I said "I sometimes wonder what I am doing it for, as no matter how tired one is those kits have to be fed on schedule." I liked her reply: "I know what I am doing it for—I couldn't live without the Siamese to watch and handle—and I feel that active participation in the Fancy is a duty just as we have a civic duty to vote and to keep up with current affairs—BUT you are right, it all boils down to those 'baby faces'".

Mrs. Manley says that her Ch. Pagan of Dark Gauntlets, although he is nearly twelve, is siring nice litters of five each for visiting queens.

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THE MAGNIFICENT RUFF

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fun until I smelled a dog. A cold nose came poking into the bushes where I was hiding.

Then I saw a horrid creature crawling under the branches toward me. I flew! The dog plunged after me. Suddenly a strong hand swooped down, and giving the dog a slap sent him sailing.

"There! Puss, you're safe."

The man scooped me up and held me close to an army uniform that smelled good; I snuggled close.

"You're pretty cute, he said. "Wonder who you belong to."

"She's mine, Lieutenant. Thank you for saving her." The lieutenant stared into my mistress' starry blue eyes. She stared back, then her eyes travelled up to the brown cowlick that gave the lieutenant an exciting look.

"Show me the lilacs, Sister. They're like the ones in Mom's backyard, and I'm darned homesick."

"O.K." she laughed.

Soon the two of them were chattering as though they had been raised together.

"The country in New York State would be full of lilacs now," the lieutenant said.

Miss Gwen remarked, "I live in the country, too," but she didn't tell him where, and she wouldn't give her name when he asked for it.

"O.K., I'll name you Red. You can call me Benjy. Mom does," he added, then, "how about something to eat? I'm starved. I'd better fill up, because tomorrow..." then he looked gloomy.

"Tomorrow, Benjy?" Miss Gwen asked, and held his arm tightly.

"I'd rather not talk about it," he stammered. "There's still today. Let's go."

Miss Gwen quickened her step. Finally we arrived at "Geranium Cottage." The lieutenant whipped out a tiny camera, and posing Miss Gwen against a lilac bush, with me in her arms, snapped the shutter. Then we went in.

The lieutenant devoured quantities of Devonshire cream and strawberries.

Miss Gwen nibbled at thin bread and butter. Her eyes were on the lieutenant all the time she was drinking tea; finally she set her cup down, and reaching across the table, patted his cowlick.

He jumped up, grabbed Miss Gwen, and kissed her hard. Suffering catfish, how Miss Gwen blushed!

"Oh!" she gasped and looked more starry-eyed than ever. Time passed swiftly after that. Miss Gwen admitted that she had a grandfather in America.

The lieutenant laughed, and said, "Well, Red when you go over call me up and we'll go dancing. O.K.?"

"O.K.," my mistress answered soberly. The lieutenant kissed her again, harder than before.

"To remember you by." He smiled wryly.

The parting came soon. Miss Gwen

didn't say a word on the way home. Miss Charlotte met us steaming toward the door like a frigate.

"Where have you been, Gwendolyn?" she boomed.

"Out!" Miss Gwen flew up the stairs, flung herself onto the bed, and cried.

"Princess! Princess!" she sobbed. "Perhaps Benjy won't come home and I'm in love with him."

The day following, Miss Gwen was recalled to Midlands by the fatal illness of her mother. Sometime later she heard from her American grandfather's solicitor that a visa had been obtained and that she was to sail immediately.

Her grandfather died shortly after our arrival and now here we are; but where is the lieutenant? "Miaow! I want him back."

So did Miss Gwen for her hand trembled as she tied the blue bow. Suddenly the doorbell rang. Princess flew across the hall. Miss Gwen dashed after her and opened the door.

Out the cat shot with a speed that did credit to Tom's training. A few minutes later she joined him in the meadow. Princess set the chase, her silver plume catching foxtails as she flew along. Tom caught her, and giving her a nip on the neck, maneuvered her toward the brook. Princess purred angrily.

"Psst!" Tom gave her a sudden biff that sent her sprawling into the shallows.

"Snip!" Tom taunted, and loped off and away.

Princess scrambled out of the brook, her ruff as limp as her ride. She was full of cocklepurrs and a foxtail had worked into her ear. Yowling piteously she crawled toward home. At last she reached the step. There under an elm was Tom.

"Miaow!" Forgetting weariness she sprinted toward the gateway, hurtled through it, and sped along the highway. Suddenly there was a terrific roar. Brakes squealed. Princess yowled and lay on the pavement, her leg broken.

"Darn it, what were you doing on the highway?" she heard a voice ask irritably, and then she was lifted into a car.

"I'll have to take you to the vet," the voice said, and laying Princess on the front seat, whoever it was climbed in, turned the car and headed for town.

"To my hospital, as it turned out," Dr. Benedict said to himself. I worked rapidly. Set the leg, and cleaned up.

"There you are. Leg set. Foxtail out of your ear, and your beautiful ruff brushed. O.K."

The cat purred feebly and licked my hand with her rough little tongue. She looked up, her green eyes shining, and darned if she didn't look as if she had found a long-lost friend.

I patted her gently.

"Nothing to be afraid of, Puss," I said. Carrying the cat into the waiting

room, I handed her to the motorist.

"Here's your Persian," I remarked dryly. "Take better care of her in the future. She's too valuable to lose."

"She's not mine, Doc," the man confessed, "but I'd like to take her home to the Missus."

The cat had other ideas. Giving the motorist a sudden scratch, she plunged to the floor and managed somehow to jump onto the table where she thrust her head into the lilacs.

I lifted her, struggling, out of the lilacs. "What's wrong?" I asked, scratching her head gently. She looked straight into my eyes. And you don't need to tell me that cats aren't psychic. I'd swear she knew me.

"Miaow!" she invited.

I stared at her incredulously. With sudden intuition I fumbled at her collar.

There, etched in minute letters, was a name—"Princess."

"Princess!" I yelled. With sudden hope I turned to the waiting man. I know the owner. I'll return the cat," I said bluntly. "There's no fee."

Yelling to my assistant to take over, with Princess tucked under my arm, I sprinted for my car. Along the highway I sped, pulling up short every now and again to make inquiries. Finally I was informed that an Englishwoman lived at Cheswick Manor, a mile beyond.

Reaching Cheswick Park, I left the car in a lane, and sat down on a bench, holding Princess in my lap, trying to summon courage to go to the house.

This might not be Red's Princess. I had looked for Red so long. I didn't want to face another disappointment. Finally I saw a light among the trees. Then came footsteps. Scrambling out of my lap Princess hobbled toward the light.

"Princess! Where are you?" Princess' steps quickened. I catapulted past her.

The voice was Red's. "Red!" I shouted.

"Here!"

Down the path she ran to meet me. She laughed. She sobbed. "Benjy! Benjy!" And I held her fast.

"I can't believe it's you, Red. You're safe in America. I tried to find you, but I didn't know your name. Darn English formality."

"What matter, Benjy. Now that you have found me, don't ever let me go."

"I never will." Princess was completely forgotten. Likely she hobbled off to tell Tom the good news. Even if she had to break a leg to bring Gwen and me together, she had done it all by her cat self.

Well, its getting chilly, and my pipe is out. I think I'll go in. Dinner will be ready and there's Devonshire cream. Besides I want to put little Benjy to bed.

And, of yes, there's a little matter of five black kittens. Who would feed them cream if it weren't for Benjy's papa?

CUYAHOGA VALLEY CAT CLUB (ACA), At Akron, Ohio, January 17-18, 1953. **ALL BREED:** Best Cat—Corso Silver Triumph, Sil. m., Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Zieses. Best OS Cat—Golden Crescent Stardust, Sh. Sil. f., Mrs. Evelyn Sills; OS—Queen Bee's Eccentric Lady, BE Wh. f., Dr. and Mrs. E. G. Wilson. Best OS Nov.—White Cloud's Betty-Lee, BE Wh. f., Mr. E. McElwee. Best Kit—Brett Carly Lee, Blue m., Mrs. Rudy Ondrik; OS—Rosemont's Sun-Goddess of Rob-Mar, Cr. f., Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Martin. Best Sh.—Best FSH—Rochana of Ming Chew, SP f., Mrs. A. E. Allen. Best DSH—Snowball of Akanta, GE Wh. f., Miss Lydia O. Cypher. Best Manx—Ellan Vannin's Monah, Blk. f., Mrs. Everett L. Schaus. Best Aby.—Caper Cat Trinket of Selenie, f., Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Schuler. Judge—Miss Doris Hobbs. **SOLID COLOR SPECIALTY:** Best Cat, Best Ch.—Tpl. Ch. Lee's Hi-Hat Champaign, Cr. m., Mrs. Marie Wilson. Best OS Cat—Ayme-Tu-Wynn Beulah of Hobby Hill, Blk. f., Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Ripley. Best OS Ch.—Queen Bee's Eccentric Lady, BE Wh. f., Dr. and Mrs. Wilson. Best Nov.—Viva Jumbo Bear of Gallahad, BE Wh. m., Mrs. Blanche Wolfram; OS—Casa Loma Desire of Gallahad, BE Wh. f., Mrs. Wolfram. Best Kit—Rosemont's Sun-Goddess of Rob-Mar, Cr. f., Mr. and Mrs. Martin; OS—Brett Carly Lee, Blue m., Mrs. Ondrik. Judge—Dr. Frances MacCracken. **SHORT HAIR SPECIALTY:** Best Cat, Best FSH—Fa Ying's How Come, BP f., Mrs. Georgianna La Marsh. Best OS Cat—Bograe Blue Knight of Crickmere, BP m., Mrs. A. G. Johnson. Best Nov.—Best SP—An-Si's Chee Chee of Si-Oka, SP., Mrs. R. Breidenbach. Best DSH—Whity, GE Wh. f., Mr. and Mrs. H. Trend. Best Aby.—Caper Cat Trinket of Selenie, f., Mr. and Mrs. Schuler. Judge—Dr. MacCracken.

LAKE ERIE CAT CLUB (CFF) at Cleveland, Ohio, January 31-February 1, 1953. **ALL BREED:** Best Cat—Rollywood's Rejoui of Rob-Mar, Sh. Sil. m., Mr. and Mrs. Robert Martin. Best OS Cat—Ayme-Tu-Wynn Beulah of Hobby Hill, Blk. f., Marion Ripley. Best Ch.—Tpl. Ch. Lee's Hi-Hat Champaign, Cr. m., Mrs. Marie Wilson. Best Nov.—Lake Erie Emblem, Blue m., Mr. and Mrs. Robert Coulter; OS—Sim Ah-Ree, SP f., Mrs. Alberten Slaughter. Best Kit—K-Linn's Bachelor of Rob-Mar, Cr. m., Mr. and Mrs. Robert Martin; OS—Sam Ah-Jo, SP m., Mrs. Alberten Slaughter. Best SH, Best FSH, Best Aby.—Selenie's Sunbeam of Ammon Ra, f., Miss Lillian Magner. Best DSH—Sequin, Bwn Thy m., Liz Killmorgen. Best Burmese—Lion's Adagio of Jadawh, m., Dr. and Mrs. James Cutler. Best Manx—Tappee-Doo of Glen Orry, Blk. m., Misses Ruth and Ellen Carlson. Best Siamese—Gr. and Tpl. Ch. Vee Roy's Violet Lady, BP f., Mrs. Alice Dugan. Judge—Mrs. Anna Pardee. **SOLID COLOR SPECIALTY:** Best Cat—Maple Key's Merry Minnie, Blk. m., Marion Ripley. Best OS Cat—Mercer-Lane Suzanne of Glen Moor, OE Wh. f., Mr. and Mrs. E. Burrell Finch. Best Ch.—Best Ch.—Tpl. Ch. Lee's Hi-Hat Champaign, Cr. m., Mrs. Wilson. Best Nov.—Lake Erie Emblem, Blue m., Mr. and Mrs. Robert Coulter; OS—Joyce's Jewel, Blue f., Joyce Smith. Best Kit—Brett Carly Lee, Blue m., Mary Jane Ondrik; OS—Lady Juliet, Blue f., Miss Ondrik. Best SH, Best Manx—Tappee-Doo of Glen Orry, Blk. m., The Misses Carlson. Best DSH—Helvin's Satan, Blk. m., Mrs. Helen Turner. Judge—Mrs. E. G. Hamaker. **FOREIGN SHORE HAIR SPECIALTY:** Best Cat, Best Ch.—Vee Roy's Violet Lady, BP f., Mrs. Dugan. Best OS Cat—Barnaby Cable II, BP m., Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Cable. Best Nov.—Cable's Frosty, BP f., Mr. and Mrs. Cable; OS—Mr. Tuplin, SP m., Eleanor Hamling. Best Kit—Ammon Ra's Tainoh, SP f., Miss Magner; OS—Sam Ah-Jo, SP m., Mrs. Slaughter. Best Aby.—Diston's Bengal Boy of Harmonie-Acre, m., Mrs. Waldo Schulz. Best Burmese—Lion's Adagio of Jadawh, m., Dr. and Mrs. Cutler. Best Manx—Tappee-Doo of Glen Orry, Blk. m., The Misses Carlson. Judge—Mrs. Hamaker.

COTTON STATES CAT CLUB (CFA), Atlanta, Georgia, Nov. 29-30, 1952. **ALL BREED:** Best Cat, Best Ch.—Ch. Arlington Sensation II, Chin f., Mrs. M. E. Hoag. Best OS Cat—Dixie-Land Banner of Windbank, BE Wh. m., Mrs. F. R. Tebbetts. Best OS Ch.—Purri Isle's Bodadil, Blue m., Mrs. Foster Prather; OS—Dixie-Land's Fleurita of Garvinia, OE Wh. f., Mrs. W. H. Gavrinn. Best Kit—Nor-Mont's Bajli, BC, Mrs. Merald Hoag; OS—Windbank's Duz, OE Wh. f., Mrs. F. R. Tebbetts. Best FSH—Chirn Sa-hai Ricki, Aby m., Mrs. R. O'Donovan; OS—Chirn Sa-hai Nee-Ang, SP m., Mrs. O'Donovan. Judge—Mrs. R. H. Revington. **SOLID COLOR SPECIALTY:** Best Cat, Best Ch.—Purri Isle's Bodadil, Blue m., Mrs. L. I. Olsen. Best OS Cat—Southland's Trudy, Blue f., Mrs. Foster Prather. Best OS Ch.—Nor-Mont's Charlene, Blue f., Mrs. M. E. Hoag. Best Nov.—Southland's April Madcap, Blue m., Mrs. Prather; OS—Crescent Kathi of Windbank, OE Wh. f., Mrs. F. R. Tebbetts. Best Kit—Windbank's Duz, OE Wh. f., Mrs. Tebbetts; OS—Wimauna Christine of Purri Isle, Blue f., Mrs. Olsen. Best FSH—Tannenbaum's Mahound, Black Mx f., Mr. and Mrs. Harold Tannenbaum; OS—Tannenbaum's Pharaoh of the Farm, Blue Mx m., Winifred Porter. Judge—Mrs. Mary Kate Carroll. **TABBY AND TORTIE SPECIALTY:** Best Cat, Best Ch.—Nor-Mont's Charm, BC, Mrs. M. E. Hoag. Best OS Cat—Garvinia's Barbarossa, PF Rd Thy m., Mrs. Paul Miller. Best OS Ch.—Garvinia's Lid' Fella, Rd Thy m., Mrs. W. H. Gavrinn. Best Nov.—Mae Celices Jackpot, Bwn Thy m., Miss Sue Clafing; OS—Garvinia's Sissy of Polychrome, PF Rd Thy f., Mrs. E. Posev. Best Kit—Nor-Mont's Bajli, BC, Mrs. Hoag; OS—Kitten Red King, Rd Thy m., Lyle and Jamie Carpenter. Best FSH—Florianus Tangelo, Rd Thy Mx m., Mrs. Maud Barney; OS—Florianus Isora, Rd Thy Mx f., Mrs. Barney. Judge—Mrs. Mary Kate Carroll.

CALIFORNIA CAT CLUB (CFA) AND WEST SHORE CAT CLUB (CFA) COMBINED SHOW, Long Beach, California, January 10-11, 1953. **ALL BREED:** Best Cat—Gr. Ch. Arlington Sensation II, Chin f., Mrs. Merald E. Hoag. Best OS Cat, Best Ch.—Ch. Skyland Arcurus, Chin m., Mrs. Gladys E. Weirich. Best OS Ch.—Ch. H. E. H. Maud's Princess Always, SP f., Charlotte R. Smiley. Best Open—Leilani's Petite Pointe, Blue f., Mrs. Walker Johnston; OS—Luan's Charlie Chan, BP m., Mrs. Louise Price. Best Novice—Casa Del Sol's White Christmas, OE Wh. m., Mrs. F. L. Lindsey; OS—Hillandale Valgerta of Juyne's, Chin f., Mrs. Juyne T. Rich. Best Kitt—Azulita Patriot, Blue m., Mrs. Walker K. Johnston. OS—Dark Gauntlets Gwenth, SP f., Mrs. Florence Kemmerling. Best Short Hair, Best FSH—Luan's Celeste, BP f., Mrs. Louise Price. Best DSH—Ch. H. M. S. Mystical of Cobourg, Sil. Thy f., Mrs. Merald E. Hoag. Best Aby—Jaibo, m., Dr. Fern Smith. Best Russian Blue—Casa Gatos Tair, m., Blanche Warren. Best Manx—Storm Cloud of Ontario, Blue m., Mrs. Virginia L. Sweet. Judge—Mrs. J. H. Revington. **CALIFORNIA SILVER FANCIERS SPECIALTY:** Best Cat, Best Ch.—Ch. Skyland Arcurus, Chin. m., Mrs. Gladys E. Weirich. Best OS Cat, Best OS Ch.—Ch. Jue's Chin Chia of Mrs. Alexander's, Sh. Sil. f., Mrs. Mildred Alexander. Best Novice—Hillandale Valgerta of Juyne's,

Chin f., Mrs. Juyne T. Rich; OS—Drinnen of Barts Acre, Smk m., Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Bart. Best Kit—Allegro of Barts Acre, Smk f., Dr. and Mrs. Bart; OS—Pompeii of Silver Vista, Sil. Thy m., Lt. and Mrs. A. A. Elder. Best Short Hair—Ch. Billig's Patina, Smk f., Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Billig, Jr. Judge—Helen Fairchild. **CALIFORNIA SOLID COLOR FANCIERS SPECIALTY:** Best Cat—Ariel's White Powder Puff, OE Wh. m., Mrs. Edith Schulte. Best OS Cat, Best Ch.—Victorian White Shoulders, BE Wh. f., Mrs. E. J. Forrest. Best OS Ch.—Ch. Wyfield Chelsie of Nor-Mont, Blue m., Mrs. Merald E. Hoag. Best Nov.—Casa Del Sol's White Christmas, OE Wh. m., Mrs. F. H. Lindsey; OS—Oakland's Sheelwin, Blue f., Mrs. L. Sylvia. Best Kitten—Azulita Patriot, Blue m., Mrs. W. K. Johnston; OS—Shanna Groith Black Pearl, Blk. f., Mrs. Colleen Aslyn. Best Short Hair, Best RB—Ch. Lamar's Karen, f., Lt. Comdr. and Mrs. C. L. Jones. Best DSH—Ch. Bluffash, Blue m., Dr. Fern Smith. Best Manx—Senza Coda's Blak Sue, Blk. f., Mrs. V. L. Sweet. Judge—Mrs. Lucille Pelton. **SHORT HAIR SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SPECIALTY:** Best Cat, Best Novice—Blue Mask Raja of Shanghai, BP m., Mrs. Gladys Dunn. Best OS Cat, Best OS Novice—Bograe's Naith, Aby f., Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Forrest. Best Champion—Ch. Quinn's Gallant Leader, m., Mrs. Elsie L. Quinn; OS—Ch. Lamar's Kuan Yin, BP f., Lt. Comdr. and Mrs. C. L. Jones. Best Kit—Shanghai Cotton, SP f., Mrs. Gladys M. Dunn; OS—Bograe's Sam Phong Rama, SP m., Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Forrest. Best CP—Ch. Lamar's Rocco, m., Lt. Comdr. and Mrs. Jones. Best Aby—Jaibo, m., Dr. Fern Smith. Best Manx—Colleen's Sun Glo of Sla-Man, Rd Thy m., Mrs. Ellen Straight. Judge—Helen Fairchild.

BOSTON CAT CLUB, INC. (CFA), Boston, Mass., Jan. 16-17, 1953. **ALL BREED:** Best Cat, Best SH—Grand Ch. Chindwin's Singum of Newton SP f., Mrs. Virginia R. Cobb. Best OS Cat, Best OS Ch.—Ch. Kay-Ru Jimmie, Blue m., Mrs. H. J. G. Rudolf. Best Ch.—Ch. Azurevale Muette of Kay-Ru, Blue f., Muriel Martin Goodwin. Best Nov.—Glad-Low's Barbara, BC, Gladys W. Lowe. Best Kit—Casa Loma General Ike, BE Wh. m., Mrs. Rita Swenson. Best DSH—Rockridge Cee-Dogge, Red Thy f., Mrs. John S. Hunter. Judge—Mrs. Marguerite S. Mabie. **SOLID COLOR CLUB OF THE EAST SPECIALTY:** Best Cat, Best Ch.—Ch. Azurevale Muette of Kay-Ru, Blue f., Muriel Martin Goodwin. Best OS Cat—Kay-Ru's Son of Beau, Blue m., Mrs. H. J. G. Rudolf. Best OS Ch.—Ch. Kay-Ru Jimmie, Blue m., Mrs. Rudolf. Best Nov.—Pearl Harbor's Blue Parasol, Blue f., Mrs. E. Rebecca Janes; OS—Kay-Ru Jerry of Sto-Mel, Blue m., Mrs. Antoinette F. Wormstead. Best Kit—Glad-Low's Smart Girl, Blue f., Gladys Lowe. Best Short Hair—Endless Smokey, Imp., Blue Mx m., Mrs. Ralph E. McGlory. Judge—Mr. Anthony DeSantis. **SIAMESE CAT CLUB OF NEW ENGLAND, INC. SPECIALTY:** Best Cat, Best Seal Point—Gr. Ch. Chindwin's Singum of Newton, SP f., Mrs. Cobb. Best OS Cat—Holemsdale Cyranio of Greenwich, Imp. SP m., Percy and Mary Gage. Best Ch.—Ch. Oriental Nanki Pooh of Newton, SP m., Mrs. Cobb. Best Novice—Cheshire Cigale, SP f., Mrs. Jaynes S. Babcock. Best BP—Rasna's Felix of Catalis, f., Mrs. George W. Brooks. Best Kitt—Wimsome of Ebon Mask, SP f., Miss Charlotte Nelson. Judge—Dr. C. Evans Sawyer, Jr.

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We should also like to express our appreciation to the many, many fanciers who by their criticisms and suggestions have assisted us in perfecting the present scoring method.

With this article we conclude our explanation of the scoring system, but we shall be glad to answer questions of any kind concerning it. Keep your letters brief, and we shall try to include those of general interest in our next two issues.

Good luck to all contenders for All-Sectional and All-American; your judges are already beginning their computations.

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charming dignity. One little blue and white deb, in particular, was perfectly ga-ga whenever he was around, and would squeeze herself onto a corner of his cushion, and sit there, dainty paws tucked under her, literally devouring him with her eyes.

Bugsy was always very gracious about this, usually slitting his eyes and purring softly, and none of my husband's raucous jeers ever succeeded in disturbing his complacency one whit. Indeed, he made an ideal companion for his virginal charges. I thought fondly: interested enough to be tender and attentive, given to light caresses and casual gallantries, such as ear-washing and paw-kissing.

But not all was serene and gracefully romantic in his new relationships. There was always danger lurking behind bushes and around corners, and as his staunch little heart never tolerated menace to his loved ones, he was forced to be ever on the defensive. The neighbor's half-grown cocker puppy presented the biggest threat, in his opinion, and many a time we saw a bewildered kitten tumbled head over heels as Bugsy, snarling like a miniature lion, threw his sturdy body between it and the yapping enemy.

No blood was ever drawn in these encounters, although the vocal exchange was awesome and prolonged, but it would have taken a far more savage and determined foe than the puppy to have risked battle with Bugsy's raking claws and fangs. Because of this, we felt the kittens were safe in the back yard, and let them out whenever he could be with them, settling one question of kitten-sitting very nicely, the one of outdoor exercise and sun.

The strong paternal instinct of his Siamese forebears must have shown forth in his kitten-sitting duties, as many Siamese males, I had noticed, helped in the training and protecting of their young, and this, I believe, is not generally true of the male of the species. Then, too, Bugsy was no doubt lonely, and welcomed his little charges for their companionship.

Be all this as it may Bugsy's, renown as a "sitter" is fast spreading over town, and he and I are now making tentative plans for branching out with new equipment and facilities for the coming season. A most satisfactory way of combining pleasure and profit, we think, and as for my husband, he says that now all he has to worry about is merely to provide me with the necessities of life; Bugsy will see to the pin money for me, and an occasional catnip mouse for himself, by kitten-sittin'!

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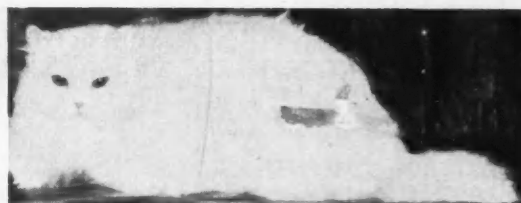
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